

Fundraisers and Rental of Facilities to Third Parties for Special Events

Fundraisers and rental of location facilities to third parties for special events is an important component of many of our parishes and schools financial operations. However, at this time, parishes and schools must refrain from all fundraising activities and the renting of facilities to third parties for special events. Unfortunately the very nature of most fundraisers such as carnivals, bingos, bull roasts and crab feasts make effective social distancing and use of personal protection equipment nearly impossible, if not completely impossible. For this reason no fundraisers are to be scheduled or held at this time. This suspension will be reviewed in mid-September.

Exceptions to the suspension of fundraising activities include events that can be held virtually, such as online auctions or raffles. Also, fundraisers that can be modified so as to limit gatherings can be conducted. For example parish dinners can be offered as curbside pick-up events. Again, for those on site volunteering to prepare food or other such activities to proceed with modified fundraisers must carefully practice social distancing, use of PPE's and sound sanitization practices.

As we transition through this period where COVID-19 is still very present in our daily lives, our parish and school energies and resources must be focused upon ensuring the viability and safety of the liturgical, sacramental and ministerial life of our church.